



Every child, every opportunity, every time!

**Summer 2015 Recommended Reading List  
Rising Second Grade  
2015-2016**

**Non-Fiction Books**

**Bishop, Nic. *Butterflies***

Beautiful full-color photographs and illustrations describe the physical characteristics, behaviors, habits, and life cycle of butterflies.

**Holub, Joan. *Zero the Hero***

Zero believes that he is a hero, but the counting numbers think he is worthless until they get into trouble with some Roman numerals, and only Zero can help.

**Lichtenheld, Tom. *E-mergency!***

The letter "e" has fallen and injured herself. Which letters will replace her and how will words be spelled without her? Full of verbal and visual puns, this book is sure to tickle the brain.

**Locker, Thomas. *Mountain Dance***

A poetic description of various kinds of mountains and how they are formed. Includes factual information about mountains.

**Lyon, George Ella. *All the Water in the World***

Water doesn't come. It goes. Around. The water cycle is explained in lyrical verse that celebrates its power to give life.

**Martin, Jacqueline Briggs. *Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table***

Learn about the life of urban farmer Will Allen, who grew up on a dairy farm, had a career in professional basketball, but decided to return to growing food in Milwaukee on vacant lots in the middle of the city.

**Pringle, Laurence. *The Secret Life of the Woolly Bear Caterpillar***

Where do those fuzzy orange-banded caterpillars come from? And do they really predict winter weather? Find out as you follow the life of Bella, a woolly bear caterpillar, and her eventual transformation into a tiger moth.

**Pulver, Robin. *Happy Endings: A Story about Suffixes***

When Mr. Wright makes his students study word endings on the last day of school, even the suffixes rebel.

**Rockwell, Lizzy. *Plants Feed Me***

Watermelons are fruits. Cabbages are leaves. Walnuts are seeds. Carrots are roots. People eat many parts of plants. Even flowers!

**Sidman, Joyce. *Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature***

A beautifully illustrated free-verse poem explores various examples of spirals appearing in nature, looking at snail shells, flower petals, elephant tusks, crashing waves, and more.

**Smith, Charles R. *I Am America***

Through a series of pictures accompanied by poetic text, this book explains that all children have similar appearances, feelings, likes, and dislikes.

**Winters, Kay. *Abe Lincoln: The Boy Who Loved Books***

Describes how Abe Lincoln used books to change his life, and how he, in turn, changed the world.

## Fiction Books

**Bell, Cece. *Rabbit and Robot: The Sleepover***

Rabbit is excited about the sleepover he has carefully planned for his friend Robot, but Robot has some different ideas about how things should go.

**Brown, Tameka Fryer. *My Cold Plum Lemon Pie Bluesy Mood***

Jamie describes his mood throughout the day, using colors and rhythmic text, as he changes from an "easy green mood" while drawing a picture for his sister to a "brooding black mood" when he is teased for doing so.

**Buzzeo, Toni. *One Cool Friend***

Elliot, a very proper young man, feels a kinship with the penguins at the aquarium and wants to take one home with him. Illustrated by local author/illustrator David Small.

**DiCamillo, Kate. *Leroy Ninker Saddles Up***

Leroy Ninker has a hat, a lasso, and boots. What he doesn't have is a horse -- until he meets Maybelline, that is, and then it's love at first sight.

**Henkes, Kevin. *Penny and Her Doll***

Penny instantly loves the doll her grandmother sends her, but finding the perfect name for her is a challenge. Look for *Penny and Her Marble* and *Penny and Her Song* too!

**Hills, Tad. *Rocket Writes a Story***

Rocket loves books, and he wants to make his own, but he can't think of a story. Encouraged by the little yellow bird to look closely at the world around him for inspiration, Rocket sets out on a journey.

**Hoberman, Mary Ann. *You Read To Me, I'll Read To You: Very Short Scary Tales To Read Together***

Uses traditional teaching techniques to invite young children to read short scary stories along with an adult.

**Lin, Grace. *Ling and Ting: Not Exactly the Same***

Ling and Ting are identical twins that people think are exactly the same, but time and again they prove to be different.

**Reynolds, Aaron. *Creepy Carrots***

The carrots that grow in Crackenhopper Field are the fattest and crispiest around. Jasper Rabbit cannot resist pulling some to eat each time he passes by, until he begins hearing and seeing creepy carrots wherever he goes.

**Rylant, Cynthia. *Mr. Putter and Tabby Turn the Page***

Mr. Putter and his fine cat, Tabby, love reading their favorite books over and over. So when Mr. Putter sees a sign at the library that says "Read Aloud with Your Pet at Story Time," he signs up!

**Spires, Ashley. *The Most Magnificent Thing***

A little girl has a wonderful idea. She is going to make the most magnificent thing! She knows just how it will look. She knows just how it will work. But making the most magnificent thing turns out to be harder than she thinks.

**Wheeler, Lisa. *Dino-Wrestling***

Meat-eating and vegetarian dinosaurs compete at the wrestling jamboree, demonstrating such styles as sumo, Greco-Roman, and lucha libre.